

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Columbia Housing Authority's H.E.A.T. Program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor those estimable organizations that endeavor to provide important educational and employment opportunities to the young people of this State; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Housing Authority, a co-sponsor of the Honeywell H.E.A.T. (Home Energy Auditor Training) Program, is one such commendable organization; and

WHEREAS, the H.E.A.T. Program is an innovative "green jobs" initiative that, in its first year of operation, trained several young persons to conduct energy audits in public housing units; and

WHEREAS, detailed results of these energy audit inspections, along with specific low-cost energy-saving recommendations, were shared with housing residents who were then better able to determine ways to improve energy efficiency, thereby saving money through lower utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the impetus for this innovative green jobs program came from Trent Ogilvie, who serves as Executive Director of the Columbia Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, realizing a collaborative approach would help to ensure the program's success, Mr. Ogilvie worked to coordinate the efforts and resources of the Columbia Housing Authority, Honeywell International, and the South Central Tennessee Career Center; and

WHEREAS, during an intensive training program, H.E.A.T. trainees studied green technologies and other energy-saving measures that can help reduce residential utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the young men and women who comprise the inaugural graduating class of the H.E.A.T. program are: Quentin Armstrong, Shardae Green, Tige Kennedy, Jr., Delandris Moore, Michael Mulldune, Janelle Sparks, Keventris Webster, and Brandon Zeigler; and

WHEREAS, as newly certified home energy auditors, these outstanding H.E.A.T. Program graduates are not only equipped to provide an important service to their communities, but are also better prepared for success in the growing "green jobs" market; and

WHEREAS, this pilot green jobs program, which has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is poised to become a model for green jobs initiatives across the nation; and

WHEREAS, for establishing and implementing this outstanding program, all those associated with the resounding success of the H.E.A.T. Program should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Trent Ogilvie and the dedicated staff of the Columbia Housing Authority, Honeywell International, and the South Central Tennessee Career Center on their exemplary H.E.A.T. Program, commend their exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee, salute their professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.